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Letter dated 6 May 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 21 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2000 and 2001) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Afghanistan	4 600.00
Burundi	47 000.00[a]
Central African Republic	297 800.00
Chad	11 700.00
Comoros	721 400.00[a]
Democratic Republic of the Congo	67 500.00
Dominica	596.00
Georgia	6 744 700.00[a]
Guinea-Bissau	436 600.00
Iraq	12 399 800.00
Kyrgyzstan	204 900.00

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Liberia	1 068 200.00
Mauritania	11 700.00
Niger	327 500.00
Republic of Moldova	2 902 200.00[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	567 000.00
Seychelles	2 400.00
Somalia	968 300.00
Tajikistan	1 866 550.00
Uzbekistan	1 377 300.00
Vanuatu	6 700.00

[a] By its decision 55/473 C of 25 July 2001, the General Assembly decided that Burundi, the Comoros, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2002.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General